

## HE STOOD FOR OUR HELP

"TAKE HOLD OF SHIELD AND BUCKLER, AND STAND UP FOR MINE HELP"

(PSALM 35:2)

There's a song I came across, "I should have been crucified," in it the song writer pens...

"I was guilty with nothing to say,  
And they were coming to take me away,  
When a voice from Heaven was heard that said  
'Let him go and take Me instead,'  
Oh I should have been crucified,  
And I should have suffered and died,  
I should have hung on the cross in disgrace,  
But the Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, took my place.  
That crown of thorns, the spear in His side,  
And the unspeakable pain, it should have been mine,  
Those rusty nails were meant for me,  
Yet Christ took them and let me go free"

Beloved, that's the time Christ our substitute stood up for us, 'Father take me to be the sacrifice for my people.' And when those wicked hands came for Him, *by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God*, He didn't run off—rather He stood for our help and said "*I AM, if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way*"—you see beloved, He allowed Himself to be taken to Calvary's tree to pay the sin debt of His people, to both suffer and die in their place [JOHN 18:8, ACTS 2:23].

And now beloved, He stands for our help, indeed He stood for us, and because He stood for us "*we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.*" You see beloved, because of our union, our vital oneness with Him, we are as He is in this world [1 JOHN 4:17]. AMEN!

PASTOR

## IN GOD IS OUR HELP

"O ISRAEL, THOU HAST DESTROYED THYSELF; BUT IN ME IS THINE HELP"

(HOSEA 13:9)

Free will has carried many a man to Tyburn [the gallows], and, it is to be feared from Tyburn [the electric chair] to hell; but it never yet carried a single soul to holiness and heaven. "*O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself;*" free will can do that for us; "*but in me,*" says God, "*is thy help.*" His free grace must be our refuge and our shelter from our own free will; or it were good for the best of us that we had never been born.

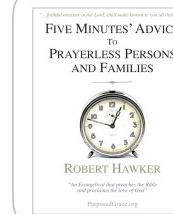
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(EZEKIEL 37:23)



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## GOD'S RICH LOVE FOR US

*"BUT GOD, WHO IS RICH IN MERCY, FOR HIS GREAT LOVE WHEREWITH HE LOVED US, EVEN WHEN WE WERE DEAD IN SINS, HATH QUICKENED US TOGETHER WITH CHRIST, (BY GRACE YE ARE SAVED.)"*

(EPHESIANS 2:4-5)

Having obtained the king's free pardon for a poor man cast for transportation [that is, who had been incarcerated], I carried it to the gaol [jail] to him: seeing the poor fettered creature fall down upon his knees to return thanks, caused a burst of tears from my eyes of heartfelt joy. I thought, this is just what thou, O my precious Saviour, hast done for me; thou hast obtained a free and full pardon of all my sins, set my soul at liberty, and filled it with peace and joy, by the one atonement of thy precious blood. The poor convict had not read his pardon, he had not seen the king's name to it, I only made the report to him that I had got it, he believed me; hence he was happy, joyful, and thankful. Thus he received his pardon. Now, here is a simple and plain idea of faith: of what? Receiving the atonement of Christ, and of joy in God. You are a poor sinner; the Spirit of God comes and convinces you of sin; you are arraigned, tried, brought in guilty, cast and condemned in the court of conscience; you are concluded under sin, and shut up in unbelief; here you wait in sorrow and distress for the sentence of the law to be executed upon you. You find you can do nothing that can obtain pardon and liberty for your poor soul; but the gospel brings the glad tidings of the atonement of Christ to your ears,

and that, by it, a full and free pardon is obtained for sinners. Now what reception does it meet within your heart? Say you, "I believe it from the very ground of my heart; but I fear it is not for me." [Reader] it is free for all who will receive it by faith. You believe it, therefore you have received it: you ought to joy in God for it. Examine into the grounds of your fears and doubts. Is the atonement of Christ sufficient to satisfy Divine justice, and obtain pardon and peace? This you cannot doubt. Is it not free for all sorts of sinners? Of this you can have no fear; for "*this is a faithful saying, and worthy of ALL acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners,*" 1 Timothy 1:15, who are nothing but cursed sinners, and have nothing but cursed sin in them. Do you doubt that you are too great a sinner? This cannot be. Paul says, of sinners, "*I am chief;*" yet he received the atonement, and was saved by it. Learn hence, 1. That all joy in God springs from the one atonement of Christ for sin, and that only, exclusive of every thing else. 2. Every one who believes in Christ has now received this atonement. And therefore, 3. Ought constantly to joy in God the Father's everlasting love.

*No joy in God, to him no love,  
We ever can possess;  
Till faith is given from above  
In Christ our righteousness.*

[PASTOR] WILLIAM MASON

## ALL OF ONE

*"BOTH HE THAT SANCTIFIETH AND THEY WHO ARE SANCTIFIED ARE ALL OF ONE"*  
(HEBREWS 2:11)

*He that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one; not extremely close, but one: this speaks of the eternal union of Christ and the elect. The elect have always been in Christ. There was never a time when they began to be in Christ. This is certainly beyond comprehension or explanation. But it is to be proclaimed and believed.*

Every aspect of God's salvation can only be understood in light of the believer's eternal union with Christ. Election is being chosen in Him. Justification is being in Him when He kept the law. Redemption is Him bearing my sins in His own body on the tree. Regeneration is Him being in me. No aspect of God's salvation is rightly understood apart from the believer's eternal union with Christ. It is through this union that the sanctifier is not ashamed to call the sanctified brethren.

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